GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:846
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2000
MEMORANDUM FROM INDIAN EX-SERVICEMEN LEAGUE
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO;MADHAVRAO SCINDIA;RENUKA CHOWDHURY

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representations from the Indian Ex-ServicemenLeague, alleging that the Government are perpetuating the discriminatory pension policy, despite its acceptance of the "one-rank one-pension" norm;

(b) if so, the precise demand put forth by then;

(c) whether similar memoranda have also been sent by Akhil Bharatiya Poorba Sainik Parishad,Calcutta, and Indian Ex-Servicemen League, Meghalaya sometime back;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken to mitigate their grievances?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (e): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENTREFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OFLOKSABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 846 FC 23.11.2000

Indian Ex-Services League and various otherAssociations of Ex-Servicemen have been demanding 'One Rank One Pension' for the past several years. However, no such Memorandum appears to have been received from Akhil Bharatiya Poorba Sainik Parishad, Calcutta, and India Ex-ServicemenLeague, Meghalaya. The concept of 'One Rank One Pension' implies equalpension for past and future retirees with the same group / length of service and revision of pension would be automatic in future, also, side by side, with the subsequent changes in pension rates.

2. The demand was examined and considered by the 4th and 5th Central Pay Commissions.The two Commissions did not find the demand justified. The acceptance of the demand has serious administrative and financial implications.

3. The Vth CPC however, recommended effective linkage between pensionof pre and post 1.1.1996 pensioners by ensuring 50 percent of minimum of revised pay scale, applicable w.e.f. 1.1.1996, as pension to past retirees with 33 years of qualifying service. This recommendation of the Commission has been accepted and necessary orders have been issued.